

*Greetings, today our manna is 1Kings 14; Col. 1; Ezekiel 44; Psalm 97-98.*

## October 11 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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### 1Kings 14

Both Israel and Judah do what is evil in the sight of YHWH.

#### Prophecy Against Jeroboam

**1Ki 14:1** At that time Ahiyah the son of Yarob'am became sick.

1Ki 14:2 And Yarob'am said to his wife,

- "Please arise, and disguise yourself, so they do not know that you are the wife of Yarob'am, and go to Shiloh. See, Ahiyah the prophet is there, who spoke to me of *becoming* sovereign over this people.
- **1Ki 14:3** "And you shall take with you ten loaves, and cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him. Let him declare to you what becomes of the child."

Jeroboam's wife goes to see the prophet Ahiyah concerning their son.

- **1Ki 14:4** And Yarob'am's wife did so, and rose up and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahiyah. **But Ahiyahu was unable to see, for his eyes had set because of his age.**
- **1Ki 14:5** And יהוה had said to Ahiyahu, "See, the wife of Yarob'am is coming to ask you a word about her son, for he is sick. Speak to her thus and thus. For it shall be, when she comes in, that she makes herself strange."
- **1Ki 14:6** And it came to be, when Ahiyahu heard the sound of her footsteps as she came through the door, he said, "Come in, wife of Yarob'am. Why are you making yourself strange? **And I have been sent to you with a hard word.**

Hard word given for Jeroboam.

1Ki 14:7 Go, say to Yarob'am,

- ❖ 'Thus said יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el, "Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you ruler over My people Yisra'el,
- ❖ **1Ki 14:8** and tore the reign away from the house of Dawid, and gave it to you – and you have not been as My servant Dawid, who guarded My commands and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only what was right in My eyes,
  - **1Ki 14:9** but you have done more evil than all who were before you, for you have gone and made for yourself other mighty ones and molded images to provoke Me, and have cast Me behind your back –

**1Ki 14:10** **therefore, see,** I am bringing evil to the house of Yarob'am, and shall cut off from Yarob'am every male in Yisra'el, whether shut up or left at large, and sweep away the remnant

of the house of Yarob'am, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.

- ❖ 1Ki 14:11 Those of Yarob'am who die in the city the dogs do eat,
- ❖ and those who die in the field the birds of the heavens do eat, for יהוה has spoken it!" '

The child will die.

- ✚ 1Ki 14:12 “And you, arise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city, the child shall die.
- ✚ 1Ki 14:13 “And all Yisra'el shall mourn for him and bury him,
- ✚ **for he is the only one of Yarob'am who shall come to the burial-site,**
- ✚ **because in him there is found a good report toward יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el, in the house of Yarob'am.**
- ✚ 1Ki 14:14 “And יהוה shall raise up for Himself a sovereign over Yisra'el who cuts off the house of Yarob'am, this day, and even now!
- ✚ 1Ki 14:15 “And יהוה shall strike Yisra'el, as a reed is shaken in the water,
- ✚ and shall pluck Yisra'el from this good soil which He gave to their fathers,
- ✚ and shall scatter them beyond the River, because they made their Ashërim, provoking יהוה,
- ✚ 1Ki 14:16 and He shall give Yisra'el up, because of the sins of Yarob'am, who sinned and who made Yisra'el sin.”

1Ki 14:17 And the wife of Yarob'am rose up and went, and came to Tirtsah. When she came to the threshold of the house, **the child died.**

1Ki 14:18 And they buried him, and all Yisra'el lamented for him, according to the word of יהוה which He spoke through His servant Ahiyahu the prophet.

### The Death of Jeroboam

1Ki 14:19 And the rest of the acts of Yarob'am, how he fought and how he reigned, see, they are written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'el.

1Ki 14:20 And **the days that Yarob'am reigned was twenty-two years.** So he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.

### Rehoboam Reigns in Judah

1Ki 14:21 **Meanwhile Rehab'am son of Shelomoh reigned in Yehudah. Rehab'am was forty-one years old** when he became sovereign, and **he reigned seventeen years in Yerushalayim, the city which יהוה had chosen out of all the tribes of Yisra'el, to put His Name there. And his mother's name was Na'amah the Ammonitess.**

1Ki 14:22 And Yehudah did evil in the eyes of יהוה, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, more than all that their fathers had done.

1Ki 14:23 **For they also built for themselves high places, and pillars, and Ashërim on every high hill and under every green tree.**

1Ki 14:24 And there were also **cult prostitutes** in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which יהוה dispossessed before the children of Yisra'el.

1Ki 14:25 **And it came to be, in the fifth year of Sovereign Rehab'am, that Shishaq sovereign of Mitsrayim came up against Yerushalayim.**

1Ki 14:26 And he took away the treasures of the House of יהוה and the treasures of the sovereign's house, he even took away all. And he took away all the shields of gold which Shelomoh had made.

1Ki 14:27 And **Sovereign Rehab'am made shields of bronze to replace them**, and entrusted them into the hands of the chiefs of the guard, who guarded the entrance of the sovereign's house.

1Ki 14:28 And it came to be, whenever the sovereign went into the House of יהוה, the guards would bring them, then take them back into the guardroom.

1Ki 14:29 And the rest of the acts of Reḥab'am, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yehudaḥ?

1Ki 14:30 **And there was fighting between Reḥab'am and Yarob'am all the days.**

1Ki 14:31 So Reḥab'am slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawid. And the name of his mother was Na'amah the Ammonitess. **And Abiyam his son reigned in his place.**

## Colossians 1

**Intro & Chapter 1** – In preparing for Colossians, I first tried to recall what missionary journey Paul was on when visiting Colossae? It didn't ring a bell for me. Then I discovered why. Because, Paul had never visited Colossae on his missionary journeys.

It appears this early church of believers, had been started by Epaphras. In about 60-61 A.D., Epaphras had gone to Rome to see if he could be of service to Paul during his imprisonment. In addition, Epaphras brought news that the congregation in Colossae was under attack by false teachers. Epaphras may have been the very one to start this assembly.

In Philemon 1:23, it shows that Epaphras was a close minister to Paul, along with several others. It does not appear Epaphras had been in prison with Paul in Rome; but possibly had been in the past; or the phrase 'fellow prisoner of me in Yahusha HaMashiach' references his devout heart to the Master.

Phm 1:23 Epaphras, fellow prisoner of me in Messiah **יהושע**, greets you,

It was not uncommon for the early assemblies to be infiltrated by false teachers. Paul knew this very well. The false teachers would bring in heresies that questioned or flatly denied the deity of Yahusha as the Son of Elohim. The first assemblies were also in the midst of the 'shift' between the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and the Melchizedek Priesthood. As in the Book of Hebrews, many had elevated Moses to the level of deity.

So, Paul, having heard of the need of the congregation in Colossae by Epaphras; writes them a letter. He makes it clear in his opening statement who the letter is 'from' and who the letter is 'to'.

As is today, congregations find themselves between order and chaos. The wheat and the tares grow side by side; the carnal and the spiritual.

### Greeting

**Col 1:1** Sha'ul, an emissary of יהושע Messiah by the desire of Elohim, and Timotiyos our brother,

**Col 1:2** to the set-apart ones in Colosse, and true brothers in Messiah: Favour to you and peace from Elohim our Father and the Master יהושע Messiah.

### Thanksgiving and Prayer

**Col 1:3** We give thanks to the Elohim and Father of our Master יהושע Messiah, praying always for you,

**Col 1:4** having heard of your belief in Messiah יהושע and of your love for all the set-apart ones,

**Col 1:5** because of the expectation that is laid up for you in the heavens, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the Good News,

**Col 1:6** which has come to you, as also in all the world it is bearing fruit and growing, as also among you, since the day you heard and knew the favour of Elohim in truth,

**Col 1:7** as you also learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant, who is a true servant of Messiah on your behalf,

**Col 1:8** who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

Paul then offers sweet prayers, thanksgiving, encouragement, and most importantly, affirmation that they were on the correct path; the narrow path that leads to life.

**Col 1:9** That is also why we, from the day we heard, have not ceased praying for you, and asking that **you be filled with the knowledge of His desire in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.**

**Col 1:10** to walk worthily of the Master, pleasing all, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of Elohim,

**Col 1:11** being empowered with all power, according to the might of His esteem, for all

endurance and patience with joy,

Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father who has made us fit to share in the inheritance of the set-apart ones in the light,

Col 1:13 **who has delivered us from the authority of darkness<sup>a</sup> and transferred us into the reign of the Son of His love,** Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [Luk 11:35](#), [Joh 8:12](#), [Joh 12:46-50](#), [Act 26:18](#), [Eph 5:8](#).

Col 1:14 **in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins,**

Paul with piercing accuracy **expounds the deity of Yahusha HaMashiach, the first-born of all creation, who came in the likeness of YHWH.** His goal and the intent of Paul's heart was to remove any doubt from their minds that the enemy had tried to plant. Paul's words speak for themselves infused by the Ruach HaKodesh. Read and meditate on the truths he shares with the Colossians. But please, do not miss the **peace offering!**

### The Preeminence of Yahusha

Col 1:15 **who is the likeness of the invisible Elohim, the first-born of all creation.**<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Heb 1:6](#), [Rev 3:14](#).

Col 1:16 Because **in Him were created all that are in the heavens and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or rulerships or principalities or authorities** – all have been created through Him and for Him.<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup> [Joh 1:3](#).

Col 1:17 And He is before all, and in Him all hold together.

Col 1:18 And **He is the Head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that He might become the One who is first in all.**

Col 1:19 Because in Him all the completeness was well pleased to dwell,

Col 1:20 and through Him to completely restore to favour all unto Himself, whether on earth or in the heavens, **having made peace through the blood of His stake.**

Col 1:21 And you, who once were estranged and enemies in the mind by wicked works, but now He has completely restored to favour

Col 1:22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you set-apart, and blameless, and unreprouvable before Him,

Col 1:23 **if indeed you continue in the belief, founded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the expectation of the Good News which you heard, which was proclaimed to every creature under the heaven, of which I, Sha'ul, became a servant,**

### Paul's Ministry to the Church

Col 1:24 who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in Messiah's afflictions, **for the sake of His Body, which is the assembly,**

Col 1:25 of which I became a servant according to the administration of Elohim which was given to me for you, to fill the word of Elohim,

Though in chains, Paul rejoiced having been used as a chosen vessel to spread the Good News of Yahusha HaMashiach. The chapter closes with these words. The secret of Messiah in you.

Col 1:26 **the secret which has been hidden from ages** and from generations, **but now has been revealed to His set-apart ones,**

Col 1:27 to whom Elohim desired to make known what are the riches of the esteem of this secret among the nations: **which is Messiah in you,** the expectancy of esteem,

Col 1:28 whom we announce, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, in order to present every man perfect in Messiah **יהושע**,

Col 1:29 for which I also labor, striving according to the working of Him who works in me in power.

**Ezekiel 44** Ezekiel 44 falls within Scroll 11.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART	
Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) (of King Jehoiachin's captivity)
11 40:1 - 48:35 (regulated to back of Volume as an appendix. Ez. as ambassador with a Provisional Constitution, inc. temple visions, a conditional offer of national restoration contingent on both houses repenting. This would have been an interim constitution "until the time of reformation when the seed would come.")	10/04/25 (after 13 year silence) 43:10 purpose: to shame Israel into repentance

### The Gate for the Prince

**Eze 44:1** And He brought me back to the outer gate of the set-apart place which faces east, and it was shut.

Eze 44:2 And **יהוה** said to me,

- ✦ "This gate is shut, it is not opened, and no one enters it, because **יהוה** Elohim of Yisra'ël has entered by it, and it shall be shut.
- ✦ Eze 44:3 "The prince, as prince, he sits in it to eat bread before **יהוה**, coming in by way of the porch of the gate, and going out the same way."
- ✦ Eze 44:4 And He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the House. **And I looked and saw the esteem of יהוה filled the House of יהוה, and I fell on my face.**

Eze 44:5 And **יהוה** said to me, "Son of man, set your heart and see with your eyes and hear with your ears, all that I say to you concerning all the laws of the House of **יהוה** and all its Torot. And you shall set your heart to the entrance of the house, with all the exits of the set-apart place,

Eze 44:6 and shall say to the rebellious, to the house of Yisra'ël, 'Thus said the Master **יהוה**, "**O house of Yisra'ël, enough of all these abominations of yours,**

- ✦ Eze 44:7 **that you brought in sons of a foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My set-apart place to profane it, My house!**
- ✦ That you brought near My food, the fat and the blood, and you broke My covenant because of all your abominations.

- ✦ Eze 44:8 “And you did not guard the charge of that which is set-apart to Me, but you have set others to guard the charge of My set-apart place for you.”

Eze 44:9 Thus said the Master יהוה,

- ✦ “No son of a foreigner, uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised in flesh, comes into My set-apart place, even any son of a foreigner who is among the children of Yisra’ël.
- ✦ Eze 44:10 “And the Lëwites who went far from Me, when Yisra’ël went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their crookedness.
- ✦ Eze 44:11 “And they were attendants in My set-apart place, as gatekeepers of the house and attendants of the house, slaying the ascending offering and the slaughtering for the people, and standing before them to attend to them.
- ✦ Eze 44:12 “Because they attended to them **before their idols and became a stumbling-block** of crookedness to the house of Yisra’ël, therefore I have lifted My hand in an oath against them,” declares the Master יהוה, “that they shall bear their crookedness,
  - Eze 44:13 and **not come near Me to serve as My priest**, nor come near any of that which is set-apart to Me, nor into the Most Set-apart Place. And they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have done.
  - Eze 44:14 “Yet I shall make them those who guard the duty of the House, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it.

**Rules for Levitical Priests** – the sons of Tsadoq [Zadok] now shall draw near to YHWH.

Eze 44:15 “But the priests, **the Lëwites, the sons of Tsadoq**, who guarded the duty of My set-apart place when the children of Yisra’ël went astray from Me,

- ❖ they shall **draw near to Me to serve Me, and shall stand before Me to bring to Me the fat and the blood**,” declares the Master יהוה.
- ❖ Eze 44:16 “They shall enter My set-apart place, and they shall draw near to My table to serve Me, and they shall guard My charge.
- ❖ Eze 44:17 “And it shall be, when they enter the gates of the inner courtyard, that they put on linen garments, and no wool shall come upon them while they attend within the gates of the inner courtyard or within the house.
- ❖ Eze 44:18 “They shall have linen turbans on their heads and linen trousers on their bodies, they shall not gird themselves with sweat.
- ❖ Eze 44:19 “And when they go out to the outer courtyard, to the outer courtyard to the people, they shall take off their garments in which they have attended, and shall leave them in the set-apart rooms, and shall put on other garments, and they shall set-apart the people in their garments.
- ❖ Eze 44:20 “And their heads they shall not shave, nor shall they let their hair grow long – they shall keep their hair well trimmed.
- ❖ Eze 44:21 “And no priest is to drink wine when he comes into the inner court.
- ❖ Eze 44:22 “And they do not take as wife a widow or a divorced woman, but take maidens of the seed of the house of Yisra’ël, or widows of priests.
- ❖ Eze 44:23 “And they are to teach My people the *difference* between the set-apart and the profane, and make them know what is unclean and clean.
- ❖ Eze 44:24 “And they are to stand as judges in a dispute, and judge it according to My right-rulings. And they are to guard My Torot and My laws in all My appointed times, and set apart My Sabbaths.
- ❖ Eze 44:25 “And they are not to defile themselves by coming near a dead man. Only for

a father or mother, for a son or daughter, for a brother or unmarried sister they defile themselves.

- [Eze 44:26](#) “And after his cleansing, they count seven days for him,
- [Eze 44:27](#) and on the day that he comes into the inner court of the set-apart place to attend in the set-apart place, he brings his sin offering,” declares the Master יהוה.

[Eze 44:28](#) “And it shall be to them for an inheritance, I am their inheritance. **And you give them no possession in Yisra’el – I am their possession.**

[Eze 44:29](#) “The grain offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering they are to eat, and all that is dedicated in Yisra’el is theirs.

[Eze 44:30](#) “And the first of all the first-fruits of all, and every contribution of all, of all your contributions, belong to the priests. And the first of your ground meal you give to the priest, so that a blessing rests on your house.

[Eze 44:31](#) “The priests are not to eat any bird or beast found dead or torn to pieces.

### **The following is a recap of the transferences within the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.**

This is good to review from time to time. YHWH is making the house of Israel and the house of Judah **a contingent offer** of plans for another temple with the **sons of Zadok officiating; if both houses repent**. This temple is often referred to as Ezekiel’s temple. If both houses would have repented, this temple would have been the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple; but it never came to be.

**We need to take pause here to see the priestly transferences within the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.** This will show that Phinehas’ “everlasting priesthood” was for his ‘definite period’ as represented below. We see that Phinehas’ priestly office of **his Elazar lineage was transferred to the Ithamar line**; then, when Abiathar conspires against Solomon, the priestly office **transfers to Zadok**, the descendant of Uzzi, placing the priestly office once again under **the Elazar line**. The Wikipedia excerpt walks this out in the below timeline.

(Excerpt from: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_High\\_Priests\\_of\\_Israel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_High_Priests_of_Israel))

#### “From the Exodus to Solomon’s Temple

*The following section is based on information found in the various books of the [Bible](#), including the genealogies given in [First Book of Chronicles](#) and the [Book of Ezra](#), the works of [Josephus](#)<sup>[1]</sup> and the early-medieval [Seder Olam Zutta](#).*

- [Aaron](#)
- [Eleazar](#), son of Aaron ([Numbers 20:28](#))
- [Phinehas](#), son of Eleazar
- [Abishua](#), son of Phinehas
- The [Samaritans](#) insert [Shesha](#) as the son of Abishua and father of Bukki.<sup>[citation needed]</sup>
- [Bukki](#), son of [Abishua](#)
- [Uzzi](#), son of [Bukki](#)

**Though Phinehas and his descendants** are not directly attested as high priests, this portion of the genealogy given in [1 Chronicles 6:3-15](#) is assumed by other sources (including [Josephus](#)<sup>[2]</sup> and [Seder 'Olam Zutta](#)), to give the succession of the office from father to son. **At some time, the**



office was transferred from **descendants of Eleazar** to those of **his brother Ithamar**.<sup>[3]</sup> The first known and **most notable high priest of Ithamar's line was Eli**, a contemporary of **Samuel**.

- **Eli**, descendant of **Ithamar**, son of Aaron
- **Ahitub**, son of Phinehas and grandson of **Eli**
- **Ahijah**, son of **Ahitub**
- **Ahimelech**, son of **Ahijah** (or brother of Ahijah and son of Ahitub)
- **Abiathar**, son of **Ahimelech**

**Abiathar was removed from the high priesthood for conspiring against King Solomon**, and was replaced by **Zadok, son of Ahitub**, who oversaw the construction of the First Temple. According to the genealogies given in **1 Chronicles 6:3-15**, **Zadok was a descendant of Uzzi** (through Zeremiah, Meraioth, Amariah and Ahitub) and **thus belonged to the line of Eleazar**.”

## Psalm 97 & 98

One day everything will be in proper order. One day all idols will be removed. One day we will rejoice forever. One day there will be no more tears. One day all creation will praise Him. That ‘one day’ is drawing near.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh messenger sounded, and there came to be loud voices in the heaven, saying, “The reign of this world has become *the reign* of our Master, and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!”<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Rev 12:10](#), [Psa 2:8](#), [Psa 22:28](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Dan 7:13-14](#), [Oba 1:15-21](#), [Hag 2:22](#), [Zec 14:9](#).

## YHWH Reigns

**Psa 97:1** יהוה shall reign. The earth rejoices. Many isles are glad!

**Psa 97:2** Clouds and darkness all around Him, Righteousness and right-ruling are the foundation of His throne.

**Psa 97:3** Fire goes before Him, And burns up His adversaries round about.

**Psa 97:4** His lightnings shall light the world, The earth shall see and tremble.

**Psa 97:5** The mountains shall melt like wax before the face of יהוה, Before the face of the Master of all the earth.

**Psa 97:6** The heavens shall declare His righteousness, And all the peoples shall see His esteem.

**Psa 97:7** All are put to shame who serve carved images, Those boasting of matters of naught. Bow yourselves to Him, all you mighty ones.

**Psa 97:8** Tsiyon shall hear and be glad, And the daughters of Yehudah rejoice Because of Your right-rulings, O יהוה.

**Psa 97:9** For You, יהוה, are the Most High over all the earth, You shall be greatly exalted, over all mighty ones.

**Psa 97:10** You who love יהוה, hate evil! He guards the lives of His lovingly-committed ones, He delivers them out of the hand of the wrong.

**Psa 97:11** Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.

**Psa 97:12** Rejoice in יהוה, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His Set-apartness.

Sing and rejoice

### **Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord**

**Psa 98:1** Sing to יהוה a new song! For He has done wonders; His right hand and His set-apart arm Have brought Him deliverance.

**Psa 98:2** יהוה has made known His deliverance; His righteousness He has openly shown Before the eyes of the nations.

**Psa 98:3** He has remembered His loving-commitment And His trustworthiness to the house of Yisra'el; All the ends of the earth have seen The deliverance of our Elohim.

**Psa 98:4** Raise a shout to יהוה, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

**Psa 98:5** Sing to יהוה with the lyre, With the lyre and the voice of a song,

**Psa 98:6** With trumpets and a voice of a shophar; Raise a shout before יהוה, the Sovereign.

**Psa 98:7** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, The world and those who dwell in it.

**Psa 98:8** Let the rivers clap their hands, Let the mountains sing together for joy before יהוה,

**Psa 98:9** For He shall come to judge the earth. He judges the world in righteousness, And the people in straightness.

*'Messiah in you'*

*~ Shalom ~ Libby*